



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Violent Criminal Apprehension Team arrests 147 fugitives since late May of 2008

Twenty four fugitives arrested last week

On May 12, 2008, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) was directed by Governor Napolitano to develop a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional statewide plan to identify and arrest individuals with outstanding felony warrants. This statewide effort is known as the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team (VCAT).

So far, VCAT has arrested 147 fugitives. Ten fugitive sex offender warrants were also served. Some of those arrested include:

James Anthony Lopez was arrested for two felony warrants out of Maricopa County Superior Court for Probation Violation on Theft and the second felony warrant for Unlawful Means of Transportation. Lopez is an active Westside street gang member. He was arrested with two other gang members during a "knock and talk" in Glendale.

Andrew Arof was arrested for a felony warrant out of Maricopa County Superior Court for Probation Violation on Armed Robbery charges. Arof is an active Westside street gang member. He was arrested with two other gang members in Glendale.

Desirea Young was arrested for a felony warrant out of the Maricopa County Superior Court for Probation Violation on Auto Theft, Domestic Violence Assault and Shoplifting charges. Young is an active Westside street gang member. **Young, Arof and Lopez were all arrested at the same address in Glendale.**

Brenda Kay Vance was arrested for a felony warrant out of Maricopa County Superior Court for Child Abuse/Cruelty Towards a Child. *Her warrant was issued 7/10/06.

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